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10 Courses Outlined In New Nebraska Plan

The new year is starting with a zest as far as the Nebraska Wing is concerned. Responsible is the new training program set up by Captain Vic M. Schroeder, Wing Operations officer.

The new course of study, already begun in the Nebraska squadrons, gives a genuine incentive to study in CAP. The enthusiasm of the members for the new program has been evidenced immediately upon explanation of the plan.

Ten Course Set Up

There are a total of ten courses, two of them required of all CAP members, with the exception of Certified Pilots. The course listed as No. 101, Military Indoctrination is required of every holder of a CAP card and is intended to make soldiers out of CAP members. Courses in this class which have been previously taken and which appear in the service records need not be retaken.

The courses listed in this class are Civil Air Patrol; Organization of the Army; Organization of the Navy; Organization of the Army Air Forces; Cooperating Public Agencies; History of Aviation; Military Courtesy and Discipline; Infantry Drill and Regulations; Safeguarding Military Information; Articles of War; Interior Guard Duty; Aerial Reviews and Inspections; Duties of Command and Staff Officers; Leadership and Exercise of Command; Military Correspondence; Operations Orders; Courts Martial; Local Civilian Defense Familiarization; Protection Against Gas and Incendiaries; Protective Concealment; Airport Protection; Elementary Aerial Map and Photograph Reading and Terrain Familiarization.

CAP Basic Required Also

The other required course, the one from which only Certified Pilots are exempt, is listed as course No. 102. The course attempts to make the CAP members aviation-conscious and to give them a little more than an "idea" of what flying is. It is not necessary to repeat any individual courses if they are already credited on the individual's service record. However, Captain Schroeder has pointed out to many CAP members that the text material is so worthwhile that many members will want to review the subject. A number of the texts in these courses will have to be bought by the member—but they remain his property.

The subjects in Course No. 102 are Theory of Flight; Aircraft Construction and Powerplants; Air Navigation; Meteorology; Civil Air Regulations and Control Tower Procedure.

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Private Velva M. Sorensen, formerly a fellow CAP member, is now stationed with the WAC at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. She writes back that, "I'm enjoying my basic training very much. However, it is very strenuous and I'm certainly grateful for my CAP training. It is a good foundation."

RATING SHEETS DISTRIBUTED

Rating sheets have been mailed to the squadrons of the Nebraska Wing. The system will set minimum standards for officer and non-com appointments and will give assurance that each member is properly credited for work done.

A record of credit for work done is especially important to members going into the armed forces or transferring between units of the CAP.

New CAP identification cards are also being issued to new members. Members who were issued the old cards will be issued the new cards when the rating sheets show they have reached Rating 2, 75 hours of training, or higher.

An expiration date for the old identification cards is to be announced later. After that date, the new card will be the only valid evidence of membership.

Wave Carmine at Atlanta

WAVE Zelda Carmine, a former member of the Blair Flight of Civil Air Patrol is now stationed at the Naval Reserve Base in Atlanta, Georgia. Zelda writes that her infantry drill experience in CAP was of great value in her training.

Start Air Recruiting Flights in Nebraska

The Nebraska wing has plunged into the task of recruiting army air corps cadets with the planes provided by the army.

A schedule that will carry well into spring has already been inaugurated. Recent bad weather has caused some revisions. Other revisions have been necessary because of reluctance of schools to release high school boys so that they can be given the rides.

The seven planes assigned to the Nebraska wing have been assigned to the various CAP units throughout the state. At present one plane each is assigned to the squadrons at Crete, Fairbury, Grand Island, Lincoln and Fremont, and two are assigned to Omaha squadrons. In March Blair and Wayne will have army craft.

On stipulated dates the planes assigned to three or four or more squadrons converge at a certain location to give rides to the high school boys and to prospective air WACs. They are preceded by army personnel who make advance arrangements (including the issuance of waivers) and then followed by other army personnel who give the mental screening tests and physical examinations.

The first free-ride flights were given at Omaha, February 6, by Squadrons No. 1 and 3. On February 9 the CAP "flying circus" dropped in on Fremont. Since then it has been at Crete, Lincoln, Fairmont, Grand Island and Fairbury.

So that it will not be necessary for pupils to be excused from high school, the March flights will be made on Saturdays and Sundays, except at Wayne. The schedule:

Wayne—March 1-2; Blair—March 11; Scribner—March 12; Hastings—March 18; Kearney—March 19; North Platte—March 25; Imperial—March 26; Scottsbluff—April 1.

Other dates will be announced later.

Recruiting of air WACs has been disappointing, and army officials hope that special attention will be devoted to this endeavor by the Civil Air Patrol.

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MESSAGE FROM MAJOR

HARRY B. SIDLES

Wing Commander, Nebraska CAP

"I wish to impress upon you the importance of the recruiting effort which we are undertaking to enlist Air Cadets in the Army Air Corps.

"We realize that this recruiting task lacks the glamour of many other CAP assignments but a great deal of our work has lacked glamour. In fact, I think that about ninety-nine per cent of war lacks glamour. But still we are in a war and we at home must carry our share of the load or else we are not keeping faith with those who are putting their lives in the balance.

"We all know from experience that recruiting Air Cadets represents a lot of hard work. The Wing has had its share of this and so have the Squadrons. The job requires long and monotonous hours and the only thanks we get are from Captain Kent, Captain Huddleson, Lt. Gagne and the other Army personnel associated with this work.

"Nevertheless it must be done . . . we are going to do it . . . and I call upon you as members of an auxiliary of the Army Air Force to do what you are asked to do to assure that this effort will be a success. In connection with this we will all have an opportunity to see some of the seven airplanes that the War Department has assigned to the Nebraska Wing to help in the recruiting. The fact that some two hundred and eighty-eight of these planes have been assigned to all Wings gives you some idea of the importance that the Army Air Force attaches to this job."

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10 Courses

The names of the text can be learned from the instructors or the squadron staff officers appointed to supervise each of the courses. Total cost of the texts in CAP Basic is \$1.28.

Specialized Courses Listed

The rest of the courses laid out in the new training program are all specialized courses and this is the point at which the CAP member branches into his chosen field. However, when a CAP member has finished one course, he is at liberty to select another for further study.

The other courses are Course No. 103, Pilot's Certificate; No. 104, Pilot's Advanced; No. 105, Airborne Observers; No. 106, Flight Missions; No. 107, Ground Operations; No. 108, Aircraft Mechanic; No. 109, Line Crew and Guard; and No. 110, Army Clerk. These courses will be explained in detail in other stories.

FLIGHT COURSES LISTED

Most CAP members looking over the new training program are mainly interested in the flying end of the instruction schedule. There are four courses or sets of subjects in this classification.

We presuppose that the men interested in these courses have finished the two basic courses. When they come to the flight courses, the first course is No. 103, Pilot's Certificate.

Important to Would-be Pilots

The subjects in this course are repetitions, with added detail, of subjects taught in CAP Basic. It is therefore largely a review course intent on fitting the individual student to pass the written examination to get pilot certificate ratings.

Written examinations are used and the texts are, at first glance, expensive—\$3.35. However, they are valuable books which every pilot should own.

The subjects in Course No. 103 are General Service and Operation of Aircraft; Air Navigation and Computer; Meteorology; and Civil Air Regulations.

Pilots Also Find Course

The next course, No. 104, is intended for men who already hold a pilot's certificate. It is intended to qualify CAP Pilots on Army Air Force standards. It covers advanced work on some subjects handled previously by pilots and also some new subject matter. The texts for this course will cost a total of \$1.65.

Subjects on Course No. 104 are Aerodynamics; Air Navigation; Meteorology; Instrument Flying; Physiological Aspects of Flying; and Pilot's Information File.

Course for Observers, Too

Airborne Observers, Course No. 105, trains CAP members as airborne observers to qualify them to fly as observers with CAP Pilots on flight missions. In order to take the Observers course, it will be necessary to have completed CAP Basic. The texts for this important course (open to pilots, too) will amount to just \$2.00.

The subjects listed under Course No. 105 are Instruments; Map and Aerial Photograph Reading; Observation and Reconnaissance; Photography; Communications; and Panel Reading.

Final Flight Course

The last of the flying courses is called Flight Missions, Course No. 106. This course is taken by Certified Pilots and Airborne Observers. Those are the only CAP members qualified to take part in these flights.

The course will consist largely of actual flying missions with the pilot and observer sharing the work and the cost. There are no texts to be bought in this course, but the use of planes and flying time is part of the course.

The subjects listed are Air-Practice Missions—Air Ground Missions; Primary Flight Training Missions; Basic Flight Training Missions; Advanced Flight Training Missions and Special Flight Training Missions.

The various ground courses are listed in other stories.

The four sections of a Squadron in Milwaukee staged an intersectional drill contest. The evening's ceremonies started with a formal inspection of the squadron staff and ranks, and then the entire squadron passed in review.



Pictured above with one of the planes being used in the Air Cadet Recruiting program, is Captain M. M. Myers, Wing Executive Officer, who is in charge of the campaign.



The first Red Cross first aid station designed to serve land, air and water traffic in this part of the country was installed at the Nebraska courier base recently by the Omaha-Douglas county chapter of the Red Cross. All personnel at the courier base are qualified to administer first aid, of course.

Pictured as the station was installed, are, left to right, the following CAP personnel: Lts. Louis Zoutte, James Rotella and Don Henry, Sgt. Betty Mae Klopp, Capt. Carl Lang and Capt. William A. Fraser, Jr.

GROUND COURSES OFFERED

For those members of the Civil Air Patrol who do not intend—at least at present—to take up actual flying, there are four ground courses offered.

Course No. 107, Ground Operations, covers very important training for the non-flying CAP member. As every flight team must have a ground team to back it up, the need for trained men in the various ground operations is essential.

Field Service Regulations

The subjects in this course are Operations, Weather Instruments, Photography, Communications, Panel Reading, Codes and Ciphers and Morse Code. The books and manuals for this course cost \$1.95. Course No. 102 must be completed before Course 107 can be taken.

Next course of interest is No. 108, Aircraft Mechanic. The value of this course is, of course, apparent. It intends to qualify CAP members to pass the written examination for the CAA "A and E" ratings. One of the tests used in this course is "The Aircraft Handbook" which is of particular interest to any one flying or owning an airplane. Many CAP members have indicated they wish to buy this book whether the course is studied or not.

Texts More Expensive

The subjects taught in this vital course are Aircraft Construction, Power Plants, Instruments, Duties of Servicemen, Aircraft Inspection, Aircraft Maintenance and Parachutes. The books of this course cost a total of \$8.60 of which \$5.00 is the cost of the "Aircraft Handbook."

Course No. 109 is Line Crew and Guard. This course includes such subjects as Interior Guard Duty, Firearms, Air-ground Practice Missions, Crash Procedure, Airport Parking Signals etc., Fire and Wind Protection, Hangars, Fueling Facilities, First Aid, Physical Exercises and Self Defense. The texts for these subjects will total \$1.50.

Army Clerk Course

Course No. 110, the Army Clerk, plans to teach military office work in the various clerical departments.

The subjects listed are Staff Officers Field Manual, Military Correspondence, Operations Orders, Courts Martial, Model Aircraft and Army Postal Service. The texts will cost \$1.10.

Definite leader in the try for cadet applications among Nebraska Squadrons is the Wayne squadron under Squadron Commander J. A. Gilliam.

The Wayne squadron, in spite of being the newest such unit in the state, has signed up 150 cadets. The cadets were recruited not only from Wayne but also from Winside, Carroll, Wakefield, Laurel and other nearby towns.

CORPORATION FORMED

All stock in the CAP Hangar Corporation has been sold. The corporation—a new name for which is under discussion—is to be formed immediately.

The Nelson hangar at the Omaha airport was bought and paid for November 30, 1943. However, the incorporation plans were held up for some time to permit more CAP members to buy stock.

The hangar is being used now as the base for the Courier Service operations, and the CAP Courier Service will continue to rent the building as before.

Plans are being made now to build another building adjoining the present hangar on the north to be used as a repair shop. It will be 32 feet wide and the full length of the hangar. It will be large enough to permit taking planes into the shop for work

and will be heated for all weather operation.

Seven army planes are already on the line at the CAP hanger at the Omaha municipal airport. The planes are those assigned by the Army Air Corps to be used in recruiting air cadets.

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Three of the planes are Aeroncas and the others are Taylorcraft. The planes will be flown by accredited CAP pilots on missions over the state.

AID WILDFOWL SURVEY

Another instance of CAP cooperation with government agencies is to be seen in a recent request by the Department of the Interior.

Major Harry B. Sidles, Nebraska Wing Commander, was requested through the national CAP operations office to assign Nebraska CAP units to aid in a wild fowl survey.

The North Platte squadron was assigned the task of providing air transportation for personnel of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior in making the survey.

Pay for the work will be made on the same scale as for the Courier service.

ALLOW HOSPITAL RIGHTS

Of special interest to members of the Civil Air Patrol who have been or will be doing special active duty assignments for the army was a recent order from national headquarters.

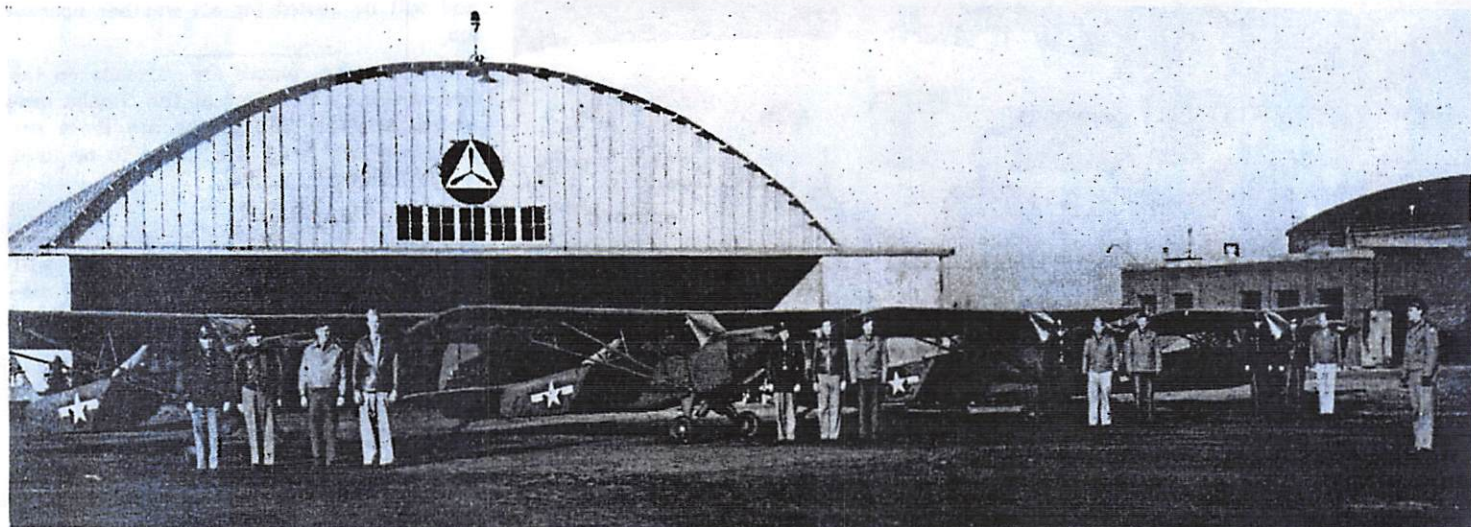
The order provides that members of the civil air patrol who suffer personal injury or incur sickness in line of duty while engaged on active duty assignment under the provisions of army air force regulations may be admitted to army hospitals.

The regulation does not, however, affect the right of CAP members, who are injured while engaged in official CAP duty, to receive medical care and other benefits under the Temporary War Civilian Security program.

PICTURES NEEDED FOR NEW CARDS

All CAP members holding the old type identification cards must have a new picture taken. This is necessary in order to be issued the new type identification cards. The new cards have the word ARMY across the back. Have the new pictures taken 1½x1½ full view.

Texas Wing recently gave an all-day exam to thousands of its members with detailed questions on a broad variety of CAP subjects. Officers of this Wing are now working out a similar set of questions to be used in Nebraska Squadrons.



Here are four of the seven planes which the army has signed to the Nebraska wing for air cadet recruiting. The picture was taken in front of the Nebraska courier base at the Omaha Municipal airport.

SQUADRON 2 NEWS

By Gwen Hess

New staff officers recently appointed are 2nd Lt. Betty Jayne Backland, adjutant, Lt. Henrietta Werthman, supply officer.

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Squadron 2 training class is taking up the study of International Morse Code and the Water Safety course.

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Charlotte Keim is the third member of Squadron 2 to join the Air Wac's.

SQUADRON 1 NEWS

By Clair M. Wolfe

The following list of promotions have been announced.

1st Lt. M. J. Warren—Squadron Commander to Captain.

2 Lt. Roy L. Highfield—Exec. Officer to 1st Lieutenant

Warrant Officer E. B. Carrigan to 2nd Lieut.

Harold R. Russell to Warrant Officer.

J. C. Jackson—Sgt. to T/Sgt.

Carl Schneider—Pvt. to Sgt.

N. Peterson—Corp. to Sgt.

W. Lyon—Corp. to Sgt.

D. Stocker—Corp. to Sgt.

Robert Behrens—Pvt. to Sgt.

G. E. Berry—Pvt. to Corp.

E. S. Kelly—Pfc. to Corp.

E. J. Stavneak—Pvt. to Corp.

E. B. Moshier—Pvt. to Corp.

R. Coker—Pvt. to Pfc.

M. L. Gorman—Pvt. to Pfc.

A. J. Schroeder—Pvt. to Pfc.

M. A. Christgau—Pvt. to Pfc.

Geo. Spargen—Pvt. to Pfc.

H. P. Spooner—Pvt. to Pfc.

H. P. Jespersion—Pvt. to Pfc.

J. O'Leary—Pvt. to Pfc.

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Pitkin Butler has announced the purchase of a Rearwin Sportster.

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Harold R. Butler has received his Private Pilot's license.

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The Wing has approved and made available for distribution to all squadrons a training plan for provisional members which was prepared by Lt. Eugene Carrigan.

Lt. Leonard Heinsen, operations officer announced that the new training plan prepared by Wing Captain Vic. Schroeder has been put into full operations and good results are reported.

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T/Sgt. Henry Rentschler has been promoted to Warrant Officer and attached to Cadet training.

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The following new members have joined Squadron 1 during February.

Hovey, Carl Leon, Endeman, James Earl, Andersen, Robert Hersley, Hillsabeck, Leon Wilford, Sterner, Paul Arnold, McShannon, Archie Amus, Sitzler, Robert Nicholas, Kane, Herman Harry, Krenzer, John Kilton, Stertz, Joseph George.

BLAIR SQUADRON NOTES

(By D. Cathers)

The Blair CAP Cadets were inspected by Lt. C. D. Howard, commander of the Blair Squadron and Lt. Bennard Reeh, Courier Pilot, February 3rd. Lee Guyer was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and Leon Kuhr, John Hansen, and Howard Therkelsen were made corporals.

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A group of Blair cadets meet once a week for an hour's instruction in Spanish. Emphasis is being placed on conversational Spanish and aeronautical terms.

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Marvin Grady, a member of the Blair Cadets, was sworn into the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet February 3rd. Marvin, who will graduate from High school in May, is the son of Supt. C. W. Grady of Blair City Schools.

CRETE SQUADRON NEWS

By Ruth M. Johnson

Crete Squadron continues drill in the winter months in the Crete High School, with many cadets taking advantage of the opportunity. Lt. Charles Sager, takes over the recruits, with various staff members giving the orders to the older group.

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December saw the staff of Crete squadron meeting for study sessions for the officers' exams. Grades varied, but all passed. Captain Follmer and Captain Meyers came to Crete to give the examinations.

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Fifteen Army Air Corps Aviation Cadets have been processed through Crete Squadron. Many have taken the privilege of working with the group on the various training directives.

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Besides the basic courses given each week for Crete squadron and cadets, meteorology is being taught under the direction of Scott Miller of the Doane College faculty. Mr. Miller is a pilot himself.

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Six uniformed women members of Crete CAP went to Fairbury in December to assist with an Aviation dinner given at the Elk's Club under the auspices of the Elk's and the Chamber of Commerce, by the Railw. Air Express Company. A dinner, aviation moving-pictures, speeches and song formed the program which took place in rooms decorated to resemble a Pan-American Clipper ship.

CIVIL AIR PATROL LEAGUE IS FORMED

To insure America's supremacy in the air for all time, military, commercial and civilian, the formation of a national organization to be known as the Civil Air Patrol League, Inc., has been announced by Thomas H. Beck, president, Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, at a meeting of the Aviation Writers Association in New York City.

The primary function of the League is to support and aid the nationwide CAP Cadet training program being taught to young men and women of pre-draft age, and to secure civilian backing for aviation development in every community. Mr. Beck will head the board of the new organization, and Frank A. Tichener, publisher of Aero Digest, has been named president.

General H. H. Arnold in commending the League, wrote Mr. Beck as follows:

"The development of aviation interest and knowledge in our young people is essential to the ultimate welfare of our country both now and during the post-war period. Therefore, the work of directing, guiding and assisting the Civil Air Patrol in its education program is most important."

Mr. Beck declared that it is hoped that through its nationwide activities, the League will provide a great backlog of trained aviation personnel, not only to provide an adequate reserve in this war but to serve America in the future -- in preventing war and in creating work and prosperity.

The new CAP League will raise its funds through small membership fees. Officers of the new League, except for the general manager, will serve without pay. It is a non-partisan and non-profit organization.

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NEW CAP JEWELRY

The Robbins Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts has announced a new line of C. A. P. jewelry ... available only to recognized Civil Air Patrol members.

The Robbins Company has supplied regulation C. A. P. insignia to members of the Civil Air Patrol since its inception and will undoubtedly have a nice line of identification bracelets, pins and so forth. Complete information as to items, price, etc., will be announced later.

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CAP COURIER SERVICE DISCONTINUED

The CAP Courier Service, which linked all air training bases operated by the Second Air Force, provided daily service with light planes, owned and flown by members of the CAP. It was discontinued last week because the Army now has men and equipment with which to operate its own air schedule.

Since the inception of Courier Service in Nebraska in November 1942 approximately forty Nebraska pilots have served on active duty; also six members have served on ground personnel.

It is anticipated that Courier Service will be replaced by other activities such as towing targets, tracking missions or search missions.

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CAP HANDBOOK

The official CAP Handbook is ready!

If you are already a Southern Flight subscriber, just send in your two-year renewal with \$3.00 check attached and they will send you your copy of the 1944 CAP Handbook. If you are not a subscriber, enter your subscription to Southern Flight for two years (\$3.00) and your Handbook will be sent immediately.

Attention Squadron Commanders:

Special discounts for Group Orders of ten or more subscriptions. Write Southern Flight today.

SOUTHERN FLIGHT LETTER CONTEST

Do you want to win \$64.00????? Then sit down and write a letter of not more than 640 words on the subject: HOW AND WHY SHOULD THE CIVIL AIR PATROL BE MADE PERMANENT?

The publishers of Southern Flight are sponsoring a contest for the best letter written on the above subject. Letters do not have to be 640 words in length, but they must not exceed that amount. A short letter has the same opportunity to win the prize money as a long one.

The first contest closed February 15th and the winner will be announced in the March issue of Southern Flight. The second contest closes March 15th and the third and final contest closes April 15th.

At the close of each contest, all letters received will be submitted to National Civil Air Patrol Headquarters for their official recognition of ideas gathered from all over the country. All letters submitted in this contest will become the property of Southern Flight and none will be returned.

Get busy and send along that letter. You will be performing a patriotic service and you may be \$64.00 richer for your effort. Send all letters to Contest Editor, Southern Flight, P. O. Box 750, Dallas, 1, Texas. Keep the closing dates in mind and get your letters in the mail in ample time to be received on or before March 15th and April 15th.

WERS IN NEBRASKA WING

Plans are in the formative stage for establishing War Emergency Radio Stations in Squadrons throughout the State. The Army Air Forces have made available surplus and obsolete communications equipment to aid in constructing these stations.

In connection with this, Wing Headquarters is making a survey to determine the number of licensed radio operators (either commercial or amateur) in the Nebraska Wing.

Anyone interested in this type of radio work, write Captain Harry Burke, Wing Communications Officer, at Wing Headquarters, giving the following information: Name, address, type of license held and whether or not interested in constructing and operating WERS radio stations.

LT. P. K. PATRICK NOW ON WING STAFF

Nebraska Wing Headquarters announces the addition of Lt. P. K. Patrick, former Deputy Staff Officer in charge of Omaha Squadron #1 Cadets, to the Wing Staff as Liaison Officer for the Civil Air Patrol Cadets of Nebraska. He has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant.